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In re Application of: William Velander *et al.*

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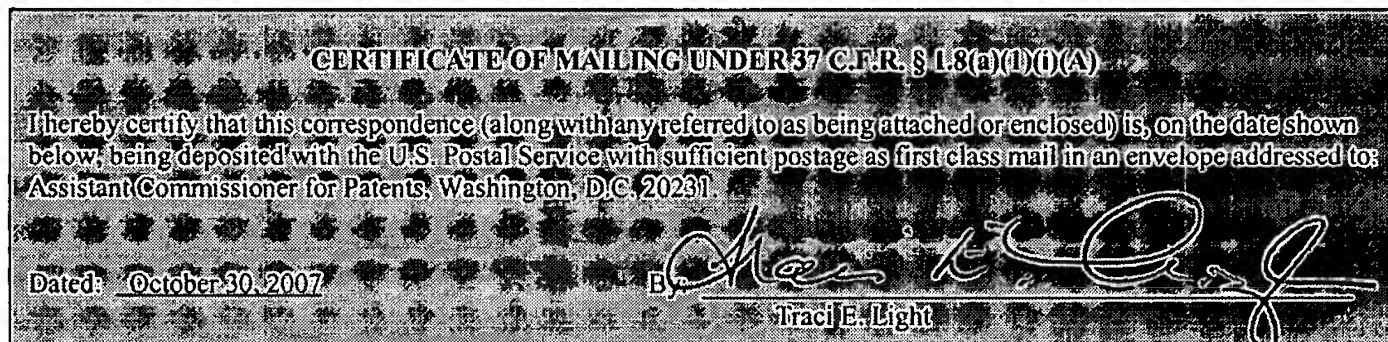
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Entitled: **Transgenic Prothrombin And Related Prothrombin Precursors**

**DECLARATION OF STEPHEN BUTLER, M.S.
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.132**

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Examiner Hama:

I, Steven Butler M.S., under penalty of perjury, state that:

1. I am the author of the Masters Thesis entitled "Production and Secretion of Recombinant Human Fibrinogen by the Transgenic Murine Mammary Gland" as cited against the United States patent application captioned above.
2. I am qualified as an expert in the field of protein expression from transgenic mammals.
3. It is my belief that my Masters thesis was sequestered following graduation and was not available to the public until after August 18, 2000.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Dated: October 30, 2007

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen Butler M.S.", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Butler, M.S.